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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
SHIGENOBU MAEDA ET AL. : GROUP ART UNIT: 2811  
SERIAL NO: 09/176,315 :  
FILED: OCTOBER 22, 1998 : EXAMINER: CRANE, S.  
FOR: METHOD OF DESIGNING SEMI-  
CONDUCTOR DEVICE, SEMI-  
CONDUCTOR DEVICE AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In Response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2002, please note the following  
remarks traversing the rejection of Claims 1-5 and 18.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 17 and 20 have been withdrawn  
from consideration.

The outstanding Action presents a rejection of Claims 1-5 and 18 as being obvious  
over Iwamatsu et al (the 1995 article entitled "*High-Speed 0.5 $\mu$ m SOI 1/8 Frequency Divider  
with Body-Fixed Structure for Wide Range of Applications*") ( Iwamatsu) in view of Agari (JA  
6-224302), Chen et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,767,549)(Chen), Blake et al (U.S. Patent No.  
4,899,202, Blake), Gunning (U.S. Patent No.5,023,488), and Masuda et al (U.S. Patent No.